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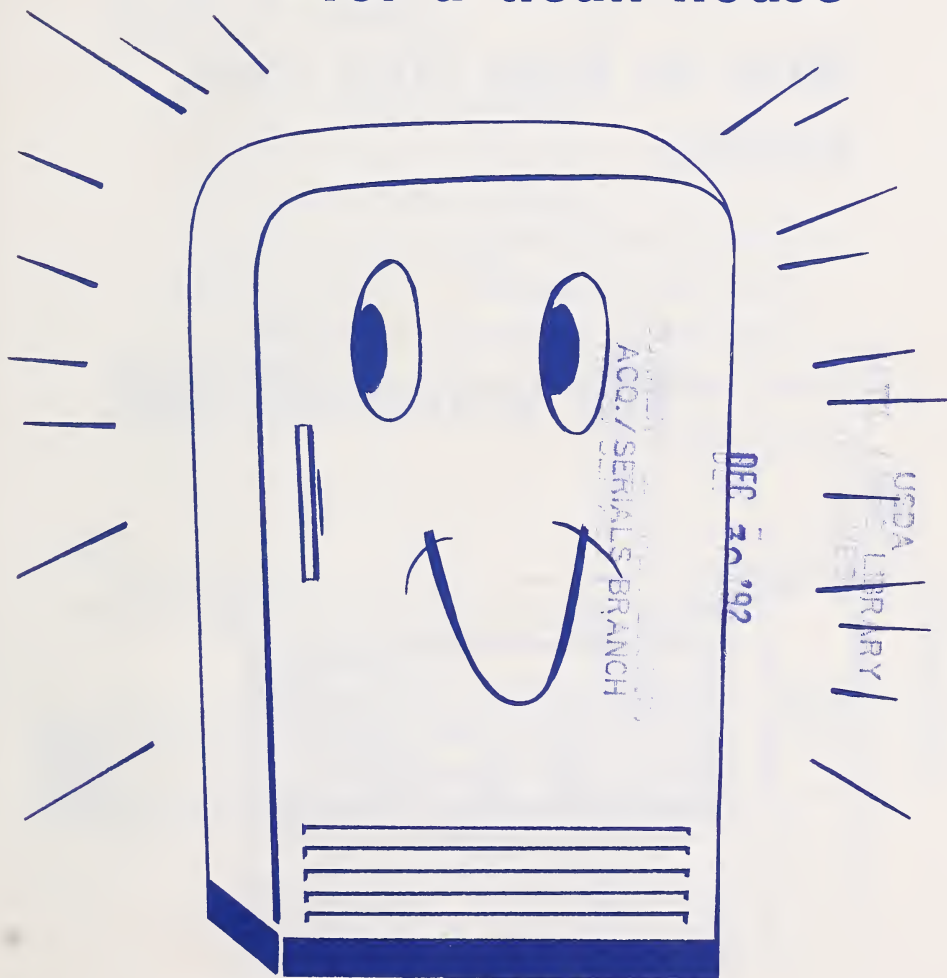
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A CLEAN REFRIGERATOR —for a clean house



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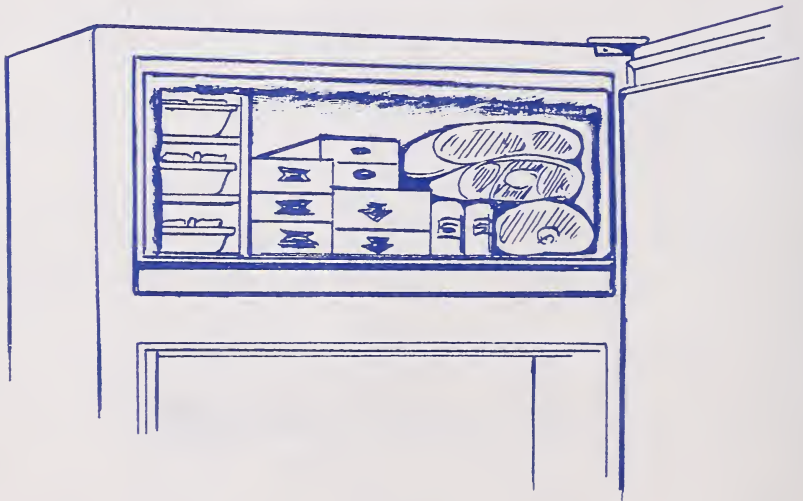
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Food keeps longer and stays fresher in a clean refrigerator. Keep your refrigerator defrosted. It costs less to run that way, and cools better.

Ways to Keep Frost from Forming:

- Keep all food covered
- Keep water jar covered
- Open the door as few times as you can

Defrost your refrigerator when the frost is about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick.

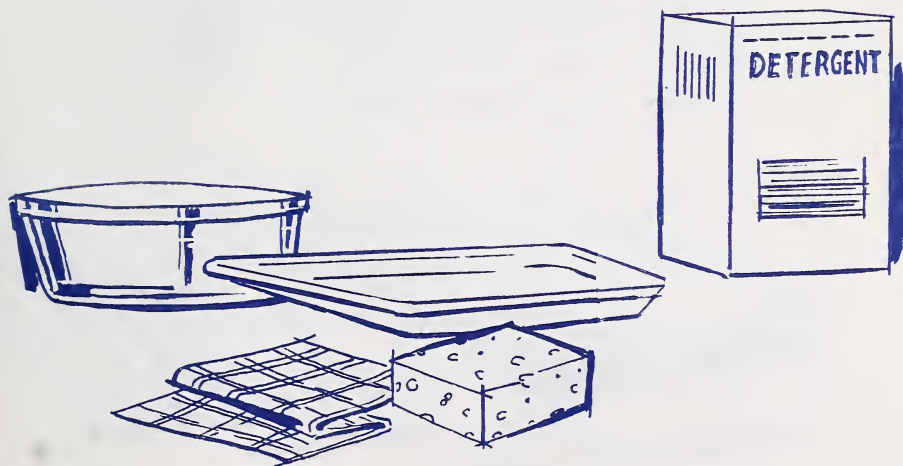


TO CLEAN AND DEFROST THE REFRIGERATOR

Collect Tools:

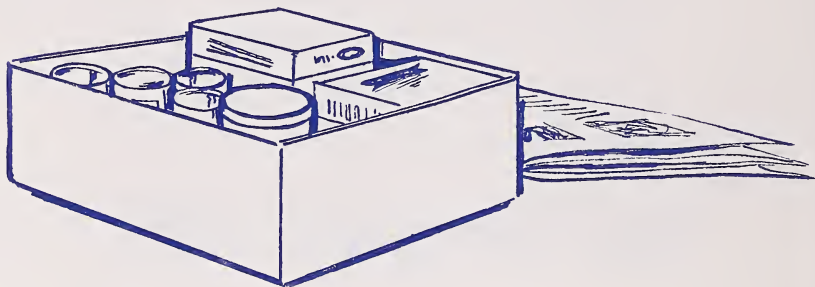
- Pans for washing and rinsing
- Flat pan to catch melted frost
- Sponge or cloth for washing
- Clean cloth for drying
- Soap or detergent

Turn Refrigerator OFF.

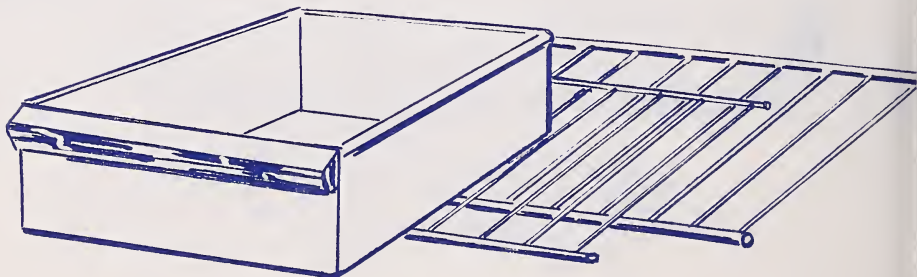


Take Out Ice-Cube Trays and Frozen Food:

- Put frozen food in a cardboard box. Cover with paper or cloths. Or: Wrap food in layers of paper. This keeps food from thawing out.



- Take everything out of the refrigerator.
- Throw away spoiled food.
- Take out shelves and drawers.



Defrost the Refrigerator:



- Put a pan under freezing section to catch water. Some refrigerators have a pan.
- Put a pan of hot water into the freezing section. This speeds up melting.
- Let ice melt. Do not scrape or punch with knife or sharp tool. This may damage freezing unit.
- Empty the pan when it gets full.

Washing the Inside:

- Use detergent in warm water to wash the inside, the shelves, and the drawers.
- Rinse everything with warm water and dry with a clean cloth.
- Put shelves, drawers, and other parts back in the refrigerator.
- Rinse out the ice-cube trays with warm water.

Washing the Outside:

- Wash the gasket around the door.
- Turn the refrigerator on.
- Wash the outside.
- Rinse with warm water and dry with a clean cloth.
- You may wax the outside 2 or 3 times a year with a white liquid wax. This protects the surface and makes it easier to clean. It stays clean longer.



Put Food Back in Freezer and Refrigerator:

- Fill ice-cube trays and put in freezer.
- Clean jars and food packages. Wipe with dry cloth. Put in refrigerator.

